

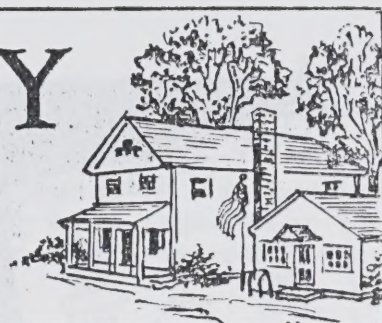
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MONTEREY NEWS



May, 1974

OUR TOWN

In Praise of the Roads of Monterey

Has the MONTEREY NEWS gone soft in the head and mushy about everything that goes on in Monterey? We had a fine article by Fred Lancome last month entitled "In Praise of Monterey," and now, here we go praising, of all things, the roads of Monterey! How can anyone say anything good about the roads? Look at the difference with Great Barrington! As soon as you leave that smooth stretch of blacktop on Route 23 and your car experiences a few gentle bumps, like the nudge of a friend's elbow or the sound of the voice of a back-seat driver telling you to "drive carefully," you know that you are home again. But have you ever considered that the roads of Great Barrington are owned and kept up by the State,

while those of Monterey are owned and kept up by the Town of Monterey, i.e. the taxpayers, or, more specifically still, our underpaid Highway Superintendent, Harold W. Crine and his underpaid assistants? Have you ever noticed that last week's pothole or frost-heave on Route 23 is apt to have disappeared by next week? Have you seen how carefully the shoulders of Route 23 are taken care of, so that there is no chance of going off the edge and then over-correcting and ploughing into a tree on the other side of the road, as this writer did three years ago in Otis? Have you read Harold Crine's "Report of the Highway Department" in the Town's Annual Report and realized the extensiveness of the re-surfacing, reconstruction and repair work done in the year 1973? Were you ever awakened by the sound of the snow-plow last winter, hard at work before you were even out of bed? Have you noticed the extraordinary lack of corrosion on your car in the past two winters (previously due to overuse of salt on the roads). Did you know that Harold Crine attends the Selectmen's Meetings every Monday night to report on work in progress and check out new trouble spots. When he leaves the room saying, "O.K. I'll get round to that as soon as I can," you can be sure he will. If you have a complaint of your own (and many in town apparently do), why not come to the Monday night (8:00 o'clock) Selectmen's Meeting with and bring it straight to the "horse's mouth." If you do, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at what happens subsequently.

THE EDITOR

Annual Town Meeting, May 3

The Annual Meeting got underway soon after 10 o'clock on Monday, May 3, and surprisingly enough, was over by 1:00 p.m. It was the shortest meeting the editor of the MONTEREY NEWS remembers in the scant three years she has been attending them, but I believe it set a record going much further back than that. This was due to the tact, skill and humor of the moderator, William E. Mielke, in "moving things along" and to a surprising lack of controversy among the 90 or so persons who were present.

Lack of space prohibits printing all the elected or re-elected Town officers. We now have a new Selectman, Matt O. Williams, nominated by both parties (John Pizzichemi not having sought re-election this year) and a new Assessor, Cynthia M. Weber, who won by only 5 votes over Robert Gauthier. Betty Lee Carlson won handily over Patricia Howard as Library Trustee, and George J. Helmrach over Maryellen Brown for the Finance Committee; the same was true of Claude H. Burke running against Kenneth R. Heath for the Cemetery Committee. There were no other "contests" on the ballot.

The Articles on the Warrant were almost all passed by voice or hand vote or, in the case of the school amendments, by ballot. These provide a) that in future the Town of Monterey, as one of the five member towns of the South Berkshire Regional District, shall have its share of the Capital Cost tax apportionment based on the number of pupils in school, rather than on the basis of the total land valuation of the Town; b) that the Town of Monterey shall be autonomous in deciding whether or not to shut down its local elementary school (in our case, only a kindergarten).

Expediently voted through by voice or hand vote were also the following three new pieces of machinery for the Town: a new fire pumper, to be delivered in one year, at a cost of \$44,000, not \$45,000 as listed on the Warrant; a new police cruiser for \$36,000 + \$150 for a paint undercoating; and a new two-ton four-wheel drive truck, equipped with snow-plow and sander, at a cost of \$9,874, not \$16,000 as listed on the Warrant. Monies for the fire pumper will come from the Stabilization Fund, Revenue Sharing and taxes. The cruiser will be paid for by tax monies. The truck will take \$1,000 from the Machinery Earnings budget and the rest from taxation.

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CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Still only one Mass weekly at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River, at 10:00 a.m. Parish Council, Sunday, May 19, at 12 noon.

Masses at Our Lady of the Hills, Monterey, will resume the end of next month and an announcement to that effect will be in the June issue of the MONTEREY NEWS.

Estimates for repairing the chapel in Monterey have been obtained and work may start soon.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship, 10:30 a.m., each Sunday until June 9, when we return to the summer schedule, with worship at 10 o'clock. . . . Church school

and Confirmation Classes at 9:15 each Sunday. . . . Pre-school class each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . Deaths in the fellowship: Earl C. Adams in Palm Beach, Florida; Rachel Lutz in Princeton, New Jersey; Helen C. Fargo in Monterey.

Summer Community As a way of recognizing the vital part the summer community plays in the life of the Monterey Church, a number of persons who summer in Monterey are being asked to serve in offices for the summer season. We feel this will be a source of enrichment for all. Out of this we hope to develop a program that will more effectively reach "the whole people."

Pentecost Sunday Sunday, June 2, is the day on which Pentecost comes this year. This is one of the great festivals of the Church, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Besides these phases we will celebrate the confirmation of youth and partake in Holy Communion. As many of the congregation as will are asked to wear something red -- representing the tongues of flame that appeared on the original Pentecost.

Minister Involved in Cover-up Operation or Stoned at the Church

Several years ago Dr. Brallier suggested to the trustees that he would like to build a stone walk from the basement door to the road. It was approved, but got wiped out by an overcrowded schedule. Last year a decision was approved to have this matter attended to by black-topping. Several contacts were made but none of the promises was kept. The matter has now come up for fresh consideration. Dr. Brallier has renewed his offer and desires to get involved in this cover-up operation -- covering up the mud that sometimes shows in this area. The trustees say, "Yes, by all means. Let's get on with it!" But there is need for some more good flat stones before getting into this project. Anyone having some spare stones is invited to speak to Dr. Brallier about their availability. The hope is that this cover-up operation can be finished in June.

MILLEFLEUR.

The woman at the loom held up the cartoon, chose a spot, and added a thread of light blue to the tapestry that would eventually represent a reproduction of a small section of the famous Unicorn Tapestries. Her demonstration was part of an exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum about tapestries from the Middle Ages. A tapestry took a long time to complete; it was a work of art and would last for centuries.

Nature puts on a similar show each year. It takes but a brief time to complete, lasts for a short while, and is repeated the next year with minor variations. No bobbins and shuttles, no frames and warps, no yarns and cartoons are needed, just sunshine, rain, seeds and old rootstocks.

In March, skunk cabbage and hellebore push green shoots through the snow and ice. In April the liverworts, pale blue and pink, carpet sunny slopes where the snow has melted. Marsh marigolds line the brook, and trout lilies creep across the damp forest floor.

In May the show reaches its climax, during the small space of time between the opening of the first rock maple blossoms and the unfolding of the leaf canopy that will shade the forest floor until November. Wakerobins, dark red spots of dried blood, compete with pale striped jack-in-the-pulpits. Tucked between heart-shaped leaves, the wild ginger blossoms remain hidden to all but the initiated. Violets, blue, purple, yellow and white, spring up overnight. The bellwort vies in color with the last of the trout lilies and with the racemes of wintercress. Yesterday you had to search for the first leaves of the columbine, but tomorrow you may find the flower buds ready to open into odd-shaped blossoms. Anemones hide among the large leaves of May apples. Early saxifrage gains a foothold on steep slopes. Strawberries blossom in sandy spots and the first of the blue-eyed grass presages the coming of the blue flag.

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ON SEEING THE INVISIBLE

The deepest truths are always paradoxical. Such is the truth that only as we learn to see what is invisible do we learn to fulfill the real potential in life.

As we look back to past ages we now recognize that those men and women who were regarded as "touched in the head" in their own time came frequently to be regarded as the true benefactors of the human race, simply because of their capacity to see things others declared were not there.

Almost all inventions have grown out of the ability of some persons to see connections or relationships that were not commonly recognized.

Consider how much of modern science has been built around the capacity of a few persons to see things that were not ordinarily visible. Who ever saw an atom? Yet the ability of a few persons to "see" what^{the} atom must be like because of its behavior has profoundly affected the whole of modern science. It therefore becomes manifestly evident that the human enterprise is deeply indebted to those persons who concern themselves with seeing the invisible.

Religious faith, from its early beginnings, was rooted in the proposition that there is more to life than meets the eye. It believed in powers and forces that were unexplainable through the ordinary use of the senses. Gods and demons have flourished under such beliefs, and any student of religion is acquainted with the excesses and hazards that may easily be spawned under too uncritical a tendency to see what is invisible. Once you accept the proposition that there is more to life than meets the eye, the danger of "seeing" what isn't there is also a live possibility.

Many of us have lived in a generation which was so scared of being "taken in" that we adopted as our creed, "We will believe only what we can see." I am now convinced that along with this creed the pendulum was swinging to the opposite extreme and many of us became such rationalists that our capacity to see the unseen was practically withered to zero. Perhaps I should not confess for others. Yet I know that whatever I suffered in this way became a very common human malady.

Today we are under a virtual bombardment from the unseen, demanding to be recognized. It is a phenomenon of our time that none of us with eyes, ears or minds open can really escape. In Russia, a great amount of investment is being put into exploring unseen and heretofore largely unrecognized kinetic forces. What are "kinetic forces?" Well, they pertain to the science of how the action of a force affects other masses. Quite specifically, these Russian experiments are dealing with ways in which invisible forces within certain persons are able to move objects about without using the ordinarily recognized means of pushing, pulling, lifting, or whatever.

Perhaps twenty years from now the question I want to ask now may not seem so strange, but I will go ahead and ask it anyway: Have you ever seen the aura of another person? Well, many people claim they have. What is the aura? As it is used here, it refers to a visual appearance that extends outward from a person's body several inches, and those who claim to have seen auras testify to observing a great variety of colors. Who are the people who claim such seeing? Many under the influence of hallucinogenic drugs have talked of such phenomena. Persons in mystical states have witnessed them. And sometimes people going about their everyday business speak of brief moments of being startled by seeing these emanations of color from a friend. What are we dealing with here? I must confess to be largely in ignorance. Yet all of us have seen unseen qualities in persons for years. Have you not said of one person, "He has an aura of greatness" and of another, "She fairly radiates kindness?" Perhaps the aura is something that can be seen with the eye under certain conditions.

But there is another ability most of us possess in varying degrees that enables us to see the basic qualities that emanate from another. We use this ability all the time in making judgments about trusting or fearing persons.

I will mention one more area -- that of healing. Every physician will testify to the intangibles. Here are two persons with the very same diagnosis. One responds rapidly to a specific treatment, the other not at all. Why? Well, the doctor must search and experiment if he is going to see what will help. Now, to press the issue deeper: Here are two persons with so-called incurable diseases. They are both objects of prayer by a group that cares about them deeply. One of them, inexplicably to the science of medicine, is cured. In the other, the disease runs its course and death ensues. Clearly, there is a lot more going on here than meets the eye. Mostly we are confronted with mystery.

The persistent experience of the human family is that there are great areas of life that lie in mystery. I am convinced that it would be sheer folly to trust only what the eyes can see. We have to keep on trying to see the invisible. Here good science and good religion find common ground. My hope for you is that a year from now you will indeed be able to see a bit more than you can see now. I hope that for myself as well.

Virgil V. Brallier
Monterey United Church of Christ



NEW BOOKS AT THE MONTEREY LIBRARY

Kemelman, Harry	-	<u>Tuesday the Rabbi Saw Red</u>
Birmingham, Stephen	-	<u>The Grandees</u>
Wambaugh, Joseph	-	<u>The Onion Field</u>
Delderfield, R. F.	-	<u>Give Us This Day</u>
Christie, Agatha	-	<u>Postern of Fate</u>
Hinson, Dolores A.	-	<u>The Quilting Manual</u>
Fraser, Antonia	-	<u>Cromwell, the Lord Protector</u>
Singer, Isaac B.	-	<u>A Crown of Feathers</u>
Hughes, Emmet J.	-	<u>The Living Presidency</u>
Wilder, Thornton	-	<u>Theophilus North</u>
Drury, Allen	-	<u>Come Ninevah, Come Tyre</u>
Dillon Ellis	-	<u>Across the Bitter</u>
		<u>Stewart, Fred - The Mannings</u>
		<u>Sarton, May - As We Are Now</u>
		<u>Stevens, Shane - Dead City</u>
		<u>Vidal, Gore - Burr</u>

GOULD FARM NEWS

An Easter Sunrise Service was held indoors at the Little House at 6:00 a.m. April 14. It was led by Susan Miller, assisted by Vicki Gohmann and Martha O'Neil. About 25 people attended. Immediately following the worship service, breakfast was served.

On April 15 a work group of 16 high school girls and boys and their leaders came for a three-day stay from the Park Avenue Congregational Church in Arlington, Massachusetts. Their minister is the Reverend Harold Criswell, well known in Monterey and Pittsfield. His assistant, the Reverend Kelly Barge, and Bob Moore, Adviser to the Youth Fellowship, were the group leaders. The young people washed windows, cut brush and made themselves generally useful. They seemed to enjoy the process, and were the kind of guests the Farm is especially glad to welcome.

The postponed Lumber Jack Carnival was successfully held April 17. There were contests in spike driving, log splitting, log rolling, log toss, rolling pin toss and other activities. Prizes were awarded.

Martha O'Neil, nurse at the Farm for the past year, left April 24 to study at Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colorado. She was given a warm send-off. The present Farm nurse is Rachel Smith, a native of South Dakota, trained in psychiatric nursing and in the teaching of nursing. To have the right person so quickly move into a key position exactly when needed is a happy experience for Gould Farm.

Rose McKee

Gould Farm Reporter

MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange #291 met on April 17, 1974. A country store was held -- proceeds to be used for local charities.

On May 1, Monterey Grange conferred 3rd and 4th degrees on Warren Thomson, from Monterey, and Tina Margraff and Danny Platt, from Sandisfield Grange. Officers from Sandisfield Grange assisted, and Deputy Maurice Brazie made his official visitation.

The last meeting was May 15, when the theme of the program was "Mother, Memorial and Music." Previously, on May 8, Monterey Grange #291 attended Neighbors' Night at the Heart of the Berkshires Grange in Pittsfield and took part in the program.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

Mr. Albert Trochi, of the Mount Everett School, will speak at the next meeting of the New Marlborough-Monterey PTA on Monday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., at the New Marlborough Central School in Mill River. He will deal with the general subject of scholarships.

There will also be the election of officers for 1974-75 at this meeting.

Maxine Labrecque
Chairman

THE PHILERGIANS

Our last meetings were those of our Interpersonal Growth Group sessions. The three sessions for which we had originally planned were very well attended. There was a unanimous decision that we would like to continue the sessions, but due to so much illness and so many vacations, this was not possible. We are hoping to have further similar sessions at a later time.

We are planning to have our annual business meeting and picnic in June. The time and place to be announced.

Marie Bralli
Chairman

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MONTEREY TAXPAYERS

Tax bills not paid by June 4 are subject to interest!!!

Nature's tapestry continues to unfold, observed by few, just as, long ago, only a select few had an opportunity to enjoy the Flemish tapestries. Yet nature offers a treasure of which all of us can partake during a brief afternoon walk. There is no entrance fee. Instead, the blue jay will announce you, the squirrel will chatter his way up a tree, the chipmunk will watch you from the perch of his log. You have come to a very special place: nature's spring garden, open to all who come to enjoy the display.

Loul McIntosh
Gould Farm



Monterey-Otis Boy Scouts have been busy selling raffle tickets for an Eagle plaque. The plaque will be raffled off on May 24. Profit from the raffle will go toward Scout equipment. A camp-out was held in Otis on May 10. Boys attending from Monterey were Danny Andrus and Kenny Heath. Mr. Tom Andrus accompanied the troop. PAPER DRIVE: The boys will be conducting a paper drive on May 29. Those wanting to help them in this project, please leave paper at the Town Recycling Shed or call Mr. or Mrs. John Ryder (528-2548).

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouts Den 1 and 2 went on a field trip to the Fish Hatchery in Hartsville on May 1. On May 8 they went on a field trip to Lee Bowling Alley in Lee. On May 15 they went on a field trip to Icy Glen in Stockbridge. The last pack meeting will be in June.

Joe Hall

GIRL SCOUTS

Parents and friends of the Cadettes are invited to attend the Court of Awards at Monument Mountain High School on Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30. Kristine Heath will receive her Social Dependability award. Art Challenge will go to Gwendolyn O'Connell, Anna Thorn, Susan Andrus, Betsy Bynack and Andrea Pizzichemi. 52 badges will be presented to the girls at this ceremony. A Day Camp will be held this year at Lake Mansfield in Great Barrington. This camp will be run for one week and any girl can attend it. She does not have to be a Girl Scout. Flyers will be passed out in school with all the information on them. The Cadette troop plan on going to the area to cut brush and get it cleared. Profit from the sale of Girl Scout cookies was \$37.67. Well done!

The Juniors will be receiving the Brownies into their troop on May 20. The ceremony will take place on the bridge in the center of Monterey. If it rains, the ceremony will take place in the church social room.

BROWNIES

The Brownies' Fly-up ceremony will take place on May 20 in the center of Monterey. Those girls advancing to Juniors are Tara Bradley, Cristine Papp, Judy Wells, Teresa Sluka and Lisa Labrecque. The Brownies will be attending the Court of Awards at Monument Mountain High School on May 22. The last Brownie meeting will be held next week. It will be a picnic.

MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The members have been bowling and they held a Sports Day in Greene Park. The attendance at the Easter Breakfast was lower than average. Here's hoping next Year's will be better! A car wash on Saturday, May 18 will be at 2:30. On May 25, at 3:00 p.m., there will be a swimming party for the group. On Sunday, June 2, there will be a real swinging dance in the church social room from 7:30 to 10:15 -- it's called the "Fifties-Sixties Dance."

4-H

All 4-H groups will be participating in the road clean-up Saturday, May 18. The 4-H Rally Days in Pittsfield were poorly attended, both by local and county people. Those attending from Monterey were Mrs. Andrus and children, Mrs. Bynack and Wendy and Mrs. Ryder and Shawn. Wendy Bynack modeled a pants suit that she had made. It was made out of red, white and blue print knit. Shawn Ryder gave a demonstration on Stamp Collecting. The Monterey Green Thumbs donated plants to the sales table and the Panhandlers gave cookies and cupcakes.

The Monterey Panhandlers have completed their year's projects and have ended their meetings until next fall.

The ^{of Monterey} businesses are again sponsoring a horse show, for residents only, on May 26 at Gould Farm at 1:00 p.m.

The 4-H Cookie Sale was a great success, with 651 packages sold. Many thanks to the people of Monterey for supporting the sale.

Lois Ryder
Youth Editor

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The most lengthy discussion on the Warrant was over the new 2-acre zoning by-law for the residential section of the town. This was passed by a hand vote with the necessary 2/3 majority. These were the highlights of the discussion: Selectman Tom Bradley, speaking on the basis of his experience as Chairman of the Board of Health, remarked that these days most homes use a great deal of water in dishwashers, clothes washer, two bathrooms, dispos-alls, etc., and normally one acre just doesn't provide sufficient room for the leaching field required for this volume of drain-off. It sufficed only for the one-bathroom-and-kitchen-sink-home of the past.

Bette Seigerman suggested that those present were losing their perspective on the whole issue, and reviewed the factors involved in introducing the proposal for two-acre zoning onto the Warrant. She recalled the events of the past year in Monterey which reflected a growing awareness and sophistication in the area of land use and protection -- the Town's zoning by-law revisions, the moratorium on multiple family dwelling construction, the vote for funds to prepare a Master Plan for Town development and growth, the new restrictions on sub-division development. She reviewed the timing set up for preparation and presentation of the Land Use Master Plan, for which the Williams College students are just completing the preliminary work. Mrs. Seigerman reminded those present that all laws are "temporary" and can be changed -- that once the Master Plan is available to act as authoritative guide for planning, we shall probably want many changes in the Monterey zoning by-laws and that these laws would certainly provide for one-acre zoning or less in certain appropriate areas. She asked the voters meanwhile to take measures to slow down development, saying it was wiser to do this now than to expect to undo what could happen in the way of building and development within the next year or two, while the Master Plan is being prepared. Her remarks were followed by a round of applause.

There was also an informal, unofficial vote in favor of a new "sports complex" for the area. This was not on the Warrant but the issue was introduced by John Pizzichemi.

It was a good meeting!

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

We are continually astonished, along with our pleasure and gratitude, at the number of contributions that keep trickling in to the MONTEREY NEWS so many months after our November appeal. This month we want to acknowledge the contributions of the following: Mr. & Mrs. William G. Burhans, Mr. & Mrs. D. Robert Gardiner, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jaksa, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Kleban, Mrs. Suzanne MacIver, Mr. & Mrs. Marcel Pasche, Mr. Albert Shepard, Mrs. Ethel V. Sleeper, and Mr. & Mrs. William A. Stevens. Thank you!

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